

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Michael Bauer et al. Examiner: Julia Slutsker  
Serial No.: 10/565,259 Group Art Unit: 2891  
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Title: SUPPORT WITH SOLDER BALL ELEMENTS AND A METHOD FOR  
POPULATING SUBSTRATES WITH SOLDER BALLS

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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2009 in which a Species Election was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified inventions of Specie I: IA: irradiating device includes a laser beam source (claims 26 and 24), IB: irradiating device included a UV source (claims 27 and 35) and Specie II: IIA: removal device provided with tacky surfaces (claim 28), IIB: removal device provided with stripping bristles (claim 29).

In response, Applicant hereby elects Specie IB (claims 19-25, 27, 30-33 and 35-37) without traverse.

Having thus addressed the Species Election imposed by the Examiner, examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Any inquiry regarding this Response should be directed to Mark L. Gleason at Telephone No. (612) 767-2503, Facsimile No. (612) 573-2005. In addition, all correspondence should continue to be directed to the following address:

**Amendment and Response**

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